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For: AN AQUEOUS PHARMACEUTICAL

FORMULATION COMPRISING THE THROMBIN INHIBITOR MELAGATRAN AND USE OF THE FORMULATION IN THE MANUFACTURE OF A MEDICAMENT FOR USE BY NASAL ADMINISTRATION IN TREATING THROMBOEMBOLISM

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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.